

at Wheaton College, earning a bachelor's degree in theology in 1958 and a master's degree in biblical studies in 1960.

When working for a Christian publishing company after completing his degrees at Wheaton College, Dr. Banks found that he often struggled to sell the company's Sunday School curriculum to Black churches. The material was written by white authors and told solely from a white perspective. Black churches believed that their students may not be able to relate to it. This realization led Dr. Banks to a truly visionary idea: why not create a Sunday School curriculum that would resonate with the Black experience? It was with this idea in mind that Dr. Banks launched Universal Ministries, Inc., with the mission of making the Bible more relatable to Black Sunday School students.

Beginning in his Chicago basement in 1970, Dr. Banks steadily grew Universal Ministries, Inc. to the point where it is today, with a customer base of over 40,000 for the company's Christian education resources. Thanks to the work of Universal Ministries, Inc., hundreds of thousands of Black Christians can see themselves and their experiences reflected in the texts of their faith. So titanic are the accomplishments of Universal Ministries, Inc., that the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association awarded Dr. Banks with their inaugural Kenneth N. Taylor Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Banks passed away on February 13, 2021. His life's work continues through Universal Ministries, Inc., and the thousands of students who will benefit from the curriculums he assembled. He is survived by his wife Olive and three children, Melvin Jr., Patrice Lee, and Reginald. My deepest thoughts and prayers go out to Dr. Banks's friends, family, and all those who had the privilege to benefit, spiritually and emotionally, from his life's mission.

#### HONORING DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY INC. KAPPA CHAPTER

##### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2021*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Kappa Chapter on their Centennial anniversary.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. was founded in 1913 by 22 collegiate women at Howard University and is now an international sisterhood of over 350,000 predominantly Black, college educated women who are dedicated to providing public service through education, community outreach, and development in their communities across the globe.

On February 21, 1921, Kappa Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. was chartered. It became the first Black Greek-letter organization west of the Rocky Mountains. 100 years ago, during a time when universities across the country refused to admit Black students, seven dedicated and dauntless women from UC Berkeley, San Francisco State, and San Jose State came together to charter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Kappa Chapter. Vivian Osborne Marsh, Gladys Brown, Creola Cook, Elizabeth Gordon, Louise Thompson Patterson, Onilda Taylor, and Myrtle Price.

They remained a "city-wide" chapter until the 1960's.

The chapter's first President, Vivian Osborne Marsh, went on to become Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.'s 7th National President. Throughout her life she worked to promote literacy and provide opportunities for underprivileged teenagers and children. In honor of her service and their Centennial Kappa Chapter has created the "Vivian Osborne Marsh, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Kappa Chapter Endowed Scholarship Fund." This is the first endowed scholarship created by any Greek Letter Organization at UC Berkeley. The \$100,000 fund will generate scholarships for Black students at UC Berkeley for years to come.

Over the last 100 years Kappa Chapter and its members have continued a legacy of service to the Black community and to those in need. Current members have made exceptional efforts to promote health for women of color, social justice, professionalism, and the empowerment of Black women on campus in the greater community. Kappa Chapter has gone above and beyond to engage and inform the community by hosting programs that discuss important topics like COVID-19, Holistic Health, Black love, relationships, womanhood, empowerment, de-stigmatizing HIV/AIDS in the Black Community, and social justice.

Today we celebrate 100 years of commitment to change. From the legacy of Kappa Chapter's charter members to its current membership and newest initiates Karsyn Terry, Christine Harris, Symone Gilliam, and Robynne Oliver the legacy continues to grow.

On behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I want to extend my sincere congratulations on this important milestone of 100 years. I thank Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Kappa Chapter for their commitment to sisterhood, scholarship, and service. Their history of empowering black women will forever be important to Black history and I look forward to witnessing the accomplishments that will define your next 100 years.

#### BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT TO THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

##### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2021*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce legislation to adjust the Congressional designated boundary of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area.

In March 2019, Congress enacted into law (Public Law 116-9) my legislation with U.S. Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN designating California's first national heritage area. The Delta is a crown jewel of our state and an iconic working landscape, which my family has been fortunate to call home for over 40 years. It is the most productive watershed in the western United States and among the most ecologically important in the Western Hemisphere. Together, we must safeguard the Delta and the historic communities that make it such a special place.

The legislation I introduce today, at the request of the City of Rio Vista, would expand

the National Heritage Area's boundary to include approximately 62 acres of adjacent publicly owned land encompassing: the decommissioned United States Army Reserve Center (City of Rio Vista), U.S. Coast Guard Station Rio Vista, Beach Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant (City of Rio Vista), and Sandy Beach County Park (Solano County).

Two of these parcels—the decommissioned United States Army Reserve Center and Beach Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant—are owned by the City of Rio Vista but technically outside the city limits. As such, it appears that these parcels were omitted inadvertently when the National Park Service prepared the legislative map for the then-proposed Delta National Heritage Area in 2010.

I hope that Congress will enact my boundary adjustment before California's Delta Protection Commission completes the management plan for the National Heritage Area.

#### RECOGNIZING SATIA AUSTIN AS CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

##### HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2021*

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize North San Diego County NAACP President Satia Austin, as my Constituent of the Month for February. Every February, we celebrate Black History Month, and this year, I am honored to highlight Satia as an incredible member of my community.

From an early age, Satia's parents stressed the importance of education, personal responsibility, and achievement. These values became her guiding principles as she pursued her passion through a career in youth advocacy and activism. As the current President of the North San Diego County NAACP, the State Advisor for the Youth and College Division for California and Hawaii, and the Adult Representative for Region I of the National NAACP Youth Works Committee, Satia uses her resources and platform to help guide young adults into the professional world. Instilling each of the same core values she was raised on, Satia's dedication to the betterment of local youth ensures African Americans and other people of color in the District aren't confined to their circumstances and can achieve success in their adult lives.

This past year, we experienced a nationwide awakening to systemic racism in America. We have much more work to do to confront inequality in our country, but I'm thankful for residents like Satia who are passionate about helping underserved youth succeed. As we continue to come together to address racial injustice, leaders like Satia bring me hope and inspiration. I am honored to recognize her as my Constituent of the Month.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 98TH BIRTHDAY OF PAUL WOODS

##### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 23, 2021*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible life